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Legal option?

Senator wants law clarified
so abortion coverage
illegal at the University

By Dave Herrera
REPORTER

State Sen. Lynn Wachtmann had thought current Ohio law made it illegal for BGSU to offer the optional \$60 abortion coverage in its new health insurance plan.

The University apparently disagreed, and now Wachtmann, R-Napoleon, along with eight other senators, has proposed a bill to clarify the laws and ensure the option will disappear.

"It doesn't make anything illegal; we're ... saying [the plan] is the opposite of what these members have passed," said Bethany Rhodes, a legislative aide to Wachtmann.

As it stands, the law says state funds cannot be used to "directly or indirectly" pay costs associated with a health insurance plan if the plan provides "coverage, benefits or services" for nontherapeutic abortions [see factbox].

The proposed addition says the state could also not "offer, sponsor or endorse" such a plan. Exceptions would still be made where the life of the mother is at stake, or the pregnancy is a result of a reported case of rape or incest, which would keep the abortion coverage in the University's basic plan legal.

"They've used staff people, on staff time, on state time, on state phones, with a state building, with a state computer, with state electricity, to get this plan so people can get abortions and kill babies," Rhodes said.

If the law is passed, students would be able to purchase extra abortion coverage if they wished, but would have to do so separate from the University's plan. "If a person had that same coverage through their parents, this isn't an issue," Rhodes said. "We're talking about coverage being sponsored, offered and endorsed via basically a state entity."

In an e-mail, Edward Whipple, the vice president of student affairs, said according to the University General Counsel, "our position on the \$60 coverage ... is in compliance with the law."

The counsel, Tom Trimboli, could not be reached for comment.

Maria Khoury, who serves on the Health Advisory Services Committee, which helped

WHAT CURRENT LAW, SECTION 124.85 OF THE REVISED CODE, SAYS:

"...funds of the state shall not be expended directly or indirectly to pay the costs, premiums or charges associated with a policy, contract or plan if the policy, contract or plan provides coverage, benefits or services related to a nontherapeutic abortion."

NEW BILL WOULD ADD:

"nor shall the state offer, sponsor or endorse for individual purchase such a policy, contract or plan."

The state defines "nontherapeutic abortion" as "an abortion that is performed or induced when the life of the mother would not be endangered if the fetus were carried to term or when the pregnancy of the mother was not the result of rape or incest reported to a law enforcement agency."

Sen. Randy Gardner can be reached at (614) 466-8060. The bill is S.B. No. 303 and should be assigned to a committee this week, according to Rhodes.

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Comics deal with racism, stereotypes of Asians

Performers to cover heavy topics in a lighthearted manner

By Meaghan Geraghty
REPORTER

Dashing between classes, University senior Jeremy Marsh never expected to be the product of discrimination. Unfortunately, while standing in line for coffee, Marsh experienced the unexpected when he was confronted with stereotypes related to his Asian-American ethnicity.

"While waiting for coffee, I noticed two girls less than a foot behind me, pointing and making fun of my brightly colored shirt," Marsh said.

Puzzled at the girls' bold rudeness, Marsh wondered why these girls found it acceptable to openly criticize him until he heard them comment it was good he didn't speak English.

"I've lived in America all my life and these girls thought that I didn't speak English just because of my Asian-American ethnicity," he said.

Dealing with discrimination is never easy, however Marsh maintained composure and has since he found an outlet for his frustrations. As an active member within BGSU's Asian Communities United, he has taken a role in planning tonight's comedic group performance entitled "Stir-Friday Night!" Additionally, it is his hope that the event will do much to help eradicate present day stereotypes similar to those he faced waiting in line for coffee.

A fellow member of the ACU and public relations officer for the organization, Suess Khanthabouth, believed it particularly essential for the comedy act to perform at the University.

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Roles of media evolve with multitasking, local niches

Speaker explains how readers' changing interests affect news

By Nikki Jardine
REPORTER

Journalists today face new challenges as reader interests shift at a breakneck pace.

The difficulties that communicators and their audiences face was presented during "People Like Me," last night by Mizell Stewart III, managing editor of the Akron Beacon Journal. The University alumnus gave his insight from his experience and observations gained throughout his career and engaged audience members in an interactive discussion.

Communicating is more complicated today as we are living in a diverse, fragmented and displaced society, Stewart said.

"Journalists are also intermediaries between people of different generations, different cultures, different religions, different backgrounds, different ideologies and different interests," Stewart said,

adding the role of journalists is becoming marginalized as more people ignore them.

"At my newspaper, we talk about ourselves as watchdogs, guardians of public interest and of public institutions," Stewart said.

Stewart touched on the issues that have separated people as a community and the role media plays in that separation.

Three challenges newspapers didn't face in the past are how consumers are multitasking, fragmented and displaced.

Each person has individual interests and multiple ways of getting information. According to Stewart watching television while surfing the Internet is one example of multitasking behavior.

Stewart gave statistical evidence of how Americans multitask when taking in information. A 2004 study done by the Media Center at the American Press Institute found that 70 percent of those surveyed tended to absorb two or more media outlets at once.

The other element he described, fragmentation, describes how

media audiences have narrow interests, which splinters society into smaller niches but allows audiences to get the specific information that they seek, Stewart said.

As a result of multitasking and fragmentation, the audience becomes displaced.

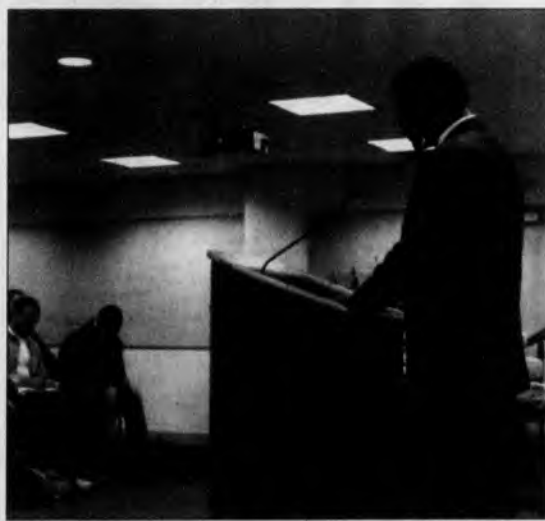
"You have to figure out, as a professional communicator, how to get a message across in this environment," Stewart said.

The demographics of news consumers are changing as people are becoming more interested in information that reflects their lives and experiences, as opposed to what is happening in their state, the nation or world, Stewart said.

"If we don't do a better job of reflecting the real lives of the people we serve in everything we publish, broadcast or blog, people will find a source of information that will," he said.

"Information is a resource, but creating and living in a community affirms life itself," Stewart said.

The challenges of living in a community are what Stewart defined as the "ties that divide us." Race, class, gender, generation, geography and ideology are what he referred to as fault lines,



Pat Dorsman BG News

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: Mizell Stewart III came to talk to students about changes in demographics and popularity of media types.

or the filters through which we see the world. The term "fault lines" was originally used by Robert C. Maynard, former editor and publisher of the Oakland Tribune.

Stewart uses MTV as an example of this disconnection to the audience because of the variety of backgrounds and lifestyles tar-

geted audience members have.

Stewart quoted Maynard, who said: "A newspaper should be a tool for community understanding a place where you see not only your own life, but also the life of your neighbor accurately and

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ABUSE PROVISION:

Senators dropped proposal to allow extra time for victims of sexual abuse by clergy members to file a lawsuit in cases up to 35 years old; **PAGE 5**

LOVE & MARRIAGE:

Speaker examines divorce among older couples, which can be more common at that time due to barriers such as children or income; **BGNEWS.COM**

FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

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Showers
Winds High: 63°
Low: 46°

SATURDAY



Few Showers
High: 53°
Low: 37°

SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy
High: 54°
Low: 41°

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Crossing 'fault lines' key to unity

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fairly represented."

Crossing those fault lines is something most people will only do when they have to, such as being placed with a roommate in the dorms who is different in one of those characteristics.

"The first thing you need to do to cross that barrier, is to understand yourself," Steward said. "I would urge you to invest time, not on the phone, not online, but invest time in building face-to-face relationships."

Samantha Sims, senior, wanted more advice from Stewart on crossing the barriers.

"I thought it would have been interesting if he would have shared how to go about crossing those barriers," Sims said after his presentation.

Barb Consiglio, senior, said was able to relate to Stewart's point about the media poorly reflecting its audience.

"College students are characterized as lasses and parties, and I don't think that reflects every person," Consiglio said.

Law to be clarified

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negotiate the insurance plan, said concerns about existing law led to the creation of the \$60 option, rather than including its coverage in the basic package.

"We had threats of lawsuits to the University and didn't want to become a test case, basically," Khoury said.

"To begin with, that law is ridiculous," she added. "I feel that [Wachtmann's bill] limits the rights of people who do work and are educated at a state entity."

Glenn Egelman, the director of the student health service, said it was too soon to comment on what would happen to students who purchased the additional coverage if the bill passed.

"This is in its infancy; it's just a proposed issue," Egelman said.

According to Rhodes, Wachtmann spoke with the University after first hearing about the optional abortion coverage.

"They were very responsive, they gave Sen. Wachtmann the requested

information, and from there we drafted the bill," she said.

But in a later interview, Whipple said he hadn't spoken with Wachtmann or any of his representatives, and "certainly it wasn't anybody in student affairs."

The bill has the support of Falcons for Life, according to their president, as well as Mike Woodall, who organized some student groups in protest of planned full abortion coverage in the insurance plan a few weeks ago.

Rhodes said Woodall had volunteered to provide testimony in favor of the bill in future public hearings, which the office would be "grateful" for.

Woodall did not respond to calls seeking comment.

Both Wachtmann and Randy Gardner, Bowling Green's state senator, also were not directly available to comment. In an e-mail message sent by an aide, Gardner said he hadn't read the bill, but did not support "the expenditure of public funds or public institutions sponsoring health insurance plans that allow for nontherapeutic abortions."

Olmert replaces Sharon

Acting prime minister wins in Israel election, ready for peace talks

By Ravi Nessman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

JERUSALEM — Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared victory for his centrist Kadima party in Israel's elections yesterday, vowing to act on his own if necessary to draw Israel's final borders and "painfully" uproot Jewish settlers if negotiations with the Palestinians are not possible.

Standing below a massive portrait of his mentor Ariel Sharon, Olmert addressed chanting Kadima members after exit polls and media reports of early results predicted the party would have enough seats in parliament to form a ruling coalition.

Building on the vision of Sharon, who formed the party shortly before succumbing to a devastating stroke that left him in a coma, Olmert claimed a mandate to withdraw from much of the West Bank and set Israel's borders, which he has said he will do by 2010.

The turnout was the lowest in

Israel's history, and the results showed voters turning away from conventional political parties to an assortment of third parties with agendas ranging from pensioner rights to the legalization of marijuana. The aftermath will likely be a period of difficult negotiations between Olmert and potential coalition partners.

"Today, Israeli democracy has spoken its piece, in a loud and clear voice," Olmert declared. "Israel wants Kadima," which means forward in Hebrew.

Olmert said he was ready for new peace talks and was prepared to make painful compromises such as uprooting some Jewish settlements in the West Bank and allowing Palestinians to have a state. But he demanded that the Palestinians be willing to compromise in return.

"In the coming period, we will move to set the final borders of the state of Israel, a Jewish state with a Jewish majority," Olmert said. "We will try to achieve this in an agreement with the Palestinians."

Olmert has said he would govern only with parties that accept his program, and projections showed a center-left coalition

capturing 61 to 65 seats in the 120-member parliament. The hawkish parties fell far short of their plan to win enough seats to block Olmert's program.

As Israel held its election, the Palestinian parliament approved a new Cabinet led by the Hamas militant group. Incoming Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh told Al-Jazeera television that he opposed Olmert's plan.

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CORRECTIONS Historical mistakes in Holocaust story

In Monday's issue of The BG News, the second half of "Shedding light on holocausts of today" incorrectly referred to a soldier being tried at the Nuremberg Trials as a Soviet, and also referred to soldiers at the Auschwitz Concentration Camp as Soviets. Nazi soldiers were responsible for Auschwitz, and were the ones on trial at Nuremberg.

Speakers say feminism exists in ways other than books, films

By Johnny Payne
REPORTER

The keynote speakers for Women's History Month urged a roomful of people to embrace their thoughts and feelings last night, hoping to help audience members manifest their own form of personal feminism.

Amy Richards and Jennifer Baumgardner, co-authors of "Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism and the Future and Grassroots: A Field Guide to Feminist Activism," addressed an audience of about 80 on the importance of recognizing individuality in the feminist movement, and the necessity of bridging the generation gap between veteran and rookie feminists.

"It's assumed there's only one way to be a feminist," Richards said. "That the way to be a feminist or express your feminism is to write a book, or found an organization, or do a film. But for Jen and me, feminism has very much been about the process, not about the conclusion, and we hope that's something you'll leave with this evening."

Richards and Baumgardner acknowledged that newcomers to feminism are often told what to think about various issues by authoritative feminist texts, or by popular attitudes within the movement, and that these pervasive beliefs have resulted in feminism being stigmatized.

"In a way, feminism has been

narrowed down to a list of choices you make," Baumgardner said. "If you make those choices, you're a feminist. If you vote Democrat, if you date girls when you're a girl, or date a girl with hairy legs if you're a guy, then you're a feminist."

These choices, both speakers said, are up to the individual to make.

"We see young women and young men who live feminist lives whether or not they call themselves feminist," Baumgardner said. "But we see them as feminists where they're at."

Richards, dressed casually in

blue jeans and a sweater, admitted that she and Baumgardner were both guilty of going with the flow of popular feminist ideology before they came to their senses.

"We spent a number of years repeating or regurgitating what we felt was the correct feminist answer to a question," she said. "After years of sounding back these empty answers, we realized we had to figure out what feminism meant to us. And what it meant

to us was not that we had read Betty Freidan's book or that we had

worked at Ms. Magazine, it was how we conducted our daily lives."

After the speech — which included an introduction from sophomore Hannah Geyer — Richards and Baumgardner answered questions from the audience. Queries ranged from how to diversify feminist organizations on campus, to how an overwhelmed student should choose which issues to focus on.

"Doing one thing is more profound than being upset about a million things," Baumgardner said.

Undergraduate Vanessa Garlock, who asked the authors how to attract a more diverse crowd to the Organization for Women's Issues, was pleased with the speech, smiling broadly and sometimes giggling with excitement.

"If someone never read their books before, I think that they could still understand the same messages," Garlock said, adding that Richards was "the Gloria Steinem of the third wave of feminism."

Richards and Baumgardner have been lecturing together for ten years, discussing feminism at every campus they stop at, spreading the messages contained in their books.

"It's not the choice you make," Richards said last night, "but it's the process of making choices, and the process of doing research and figuring out what it is you want from your life."

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MAPUTO, Mozambique (KRT) — Slow internet connection speeds that make doing homework an exercise in frustration at Eduardo Mondlane University are about to be boosted as a result of an effort by six major U.S. foundations to boost Internet bandwidth at African universities.

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CAMPUS

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calendar of events

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Rainbow Dayz Bracelets and Pins Vision will be giving out info, recruiting and selling bracelets and pins for AIDS awareness
Union Lobby

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Box City Ticket Sales
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10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Registration
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Union Lobby

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Resident Student Assoc. will be collecting donations for a VFW program that gives phone cards to U.S. troops
Union Lobby

Noon - 1:00 p.m.

Brown Bag Luncheon Series
7th Annual Bring Your Favorite Professor/Mentor to Lunch
In recognition of Women's History Month
107 Hanna Hall

4 - 5:30 p.m.

President's Visiting Scholar Dr. Arnold Rampersad leads a group of students in a celebration of African American poet, Paul Lawrence Dunbar.
228 Union

7 p.m.

Jerry Mitchell of The Clarion-Ledger in Mississippi will speak on "Searching for Justice: A Journalist's Tale." He will address his investigative reporting that put four Klansmen behind bars.
121 West Hall

7 - 9 p.m.

Stir-Friday Night!
A Chicago-based, Asian American sketch comedy troupe will be coming to campus. The event is free and open to the public.
101 Olscamp

8 - 9:30 p.m.

BG Student Council for Exceptional Children
Come hear professionals in the Intervention Services speak on current events and issues in special education.
111 Olscamp

Minorities 'come out'

Panel discusses race and homosexuality during Rainbow Dayz

By Meghan Durbak
REPORTER

If it's hard for a white man to come out, it's even more difficult for a minority.

At least it seems that way to Nicky Damania.

Damania along with four other panelists took part in an ethnic minority discussion on race and homosexuality as part of Rainbow Dayz Week, held by the Center for Multicultural and Academic Initiatives.

During the discussion, Damania, the advisor to Vision, spoke about the first time he told his parents he was gay. Damania, a first generation Indian-American said he had never even met another gay Indian until this past summer.

And apparently neither had his parents. When he told them about his sexual orientation, his parents first disowned him and then they tried to change him, he said.

They made several attempts to "turn me straight," Damania said, including sending him to a honeymoon-operated resort, making him watch ex-gay videos and having him speak to a Mormon minister.

"We're a very stubborn people in my culture," Damania said, and attributed much of his parents' denial of his homosexuality to their Indian background as well as the strict, conservative background they raised him in.

While gaining acceptance from his parents about his homosexuality is a work in progress, Damania said his parents

do love him.

"They're just stuck on the idea of having grandchildren," he said.

In no way did the panel want to discourage students from coming out, but they wanted to recognize the difficulty it takes to do so, especially for minorities.

Tiffany Davis, a straight supporter who specifically studies homosexuality in African American males, said a major challenge to being a gay minority is establishing an identity.

Davis said these men have to ask themselves, "Are you a gay black man? Or are you a black gay man?"

She said minorities often have to choose what part of their identity is more important to them, and that it seems almost necessary to be accepted in one group before attempting to be accepted in the other.

Mark Gardner knows the complexities of this issue firsthand.

And while his own coming out story was a positive one in which he received a lot of support from his friends and family, he knows other black males who didn't receive that type of support.

For example, the lack of support and homophobia almost led to his friend to end his life in high school, Gardner said.

"When you constantly have that ridicule and you are teased and tortured on a daily basis, that can lead to thoughts of suicide," Gardner said.

From his point of view, Gardner said black males see sex as power, and to come out as homosexual means to give up that power. He said there are a lot of men who stay closeted so that they don't seem to lose power.

He added that many blacks

don't know how to label him after he disclosed his homosexual orientation because he doesn't act "flamboyant or thuggish" — two words used to describe gay blacks.

Being a black lesbian holds its own challenges for Ambyr Jordan, a panelist. Jordan said she came from a very spiritual, religious family — a trait she attributes to her African-American heritage.

Jordan said she felt driven away from this aspect of her family life, because she always felt religion was forcing her to live a certain way. And while her family has come to accept her sexual orientation, they still argue about her unwillingness to attend church services.

Damania did want to make it clear that there are spiritual and religious outlets available to the LGBTQA community. Something the members of the discussion were hoping to get across to gay minorities is that they should have a type of support system, although the panelists understand that support doesn't always seem available.

Damania said students had tried to start such a support group, Queer People of Color, and it only lasted for one meeting. Now, Damania is uncertain of how to build a support system that will meet the needs of gay minorities.

But some support can be found in Vision, even though it may seem primarily white, Damania said. And he thinks there are still benefits of learning from each other.

After all, Damania said, "We all share the common denominator of being queer."

Students abuse drugs to get better grades

By Megan Twohey
KRT

A tough math class prompted Rich to take the drug. The effect: "I could study for, like, eight hours straight," said the University of Wisconsin-Madison junior.

Samantha, a Marquette University sophomore, popped it on the eve of a big history test.

"I stayed up all night and totally zoned in," she said.

For years, students have used coffee, NoDoz caffeine pills and other stimulants to help them through exams, papers and other demands of college.

Today, some students are taking a study aid that can be deadly.

Adderall, a medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder has become popular among students who don't have the disorder, according to students, college health officials and an emerging body of research.

Adderall is an amphetamine and works like cocaine. Those who use it can stay focused and awake for hours on end. Students with prescriptions sell it or give it away.

"If you can take a drug that allows you to stay awake through finals week and concentrate on relatively boring topics, you can see how the word would spread," said William Frankenberger, a psychology professor at UW-Eau Claire. He led a 2004 survey of students on a UW campus and found 14 percent had abused Adderall or another ADHD medication.

But using the drug without a prescription is dangerous.

ADDERALL FACTS

SOURCES: IMS Health; the January 2005 edition of the journal "Addiction: Illicit Use of Prescribed Stimulant Medication Among College Students;" and a 2004 study, led by UW-Eau Claire professor William Frankenberger.

- Adderall is the most widely prescribed medication for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, a neurobehavioral disorder that makes people hyperactive and incapable of concentrating.
- There were 8.7 million prescriptions for Adderall in 2005.
- Adderall is an amphetamine that allows users to stay focused and awake all night.
- The federal government has classified Adderall under the same category as cocaine, opium and morphine. It is illegal to sell it or take it without a prescription.

The federal government has classified Adderall under the same category as cocaine, opium and morphine, drugs with a high potential for abuse. It is illegal to sell or use without a prescription.

Side effects include insomnia, irritability and loss of appetite. In extreme cases, the drug can cause paranoia, hallucinations and heart attacks. Adderall and other ADHD medications have recently been reportedly linked to the deaths of 25 people.

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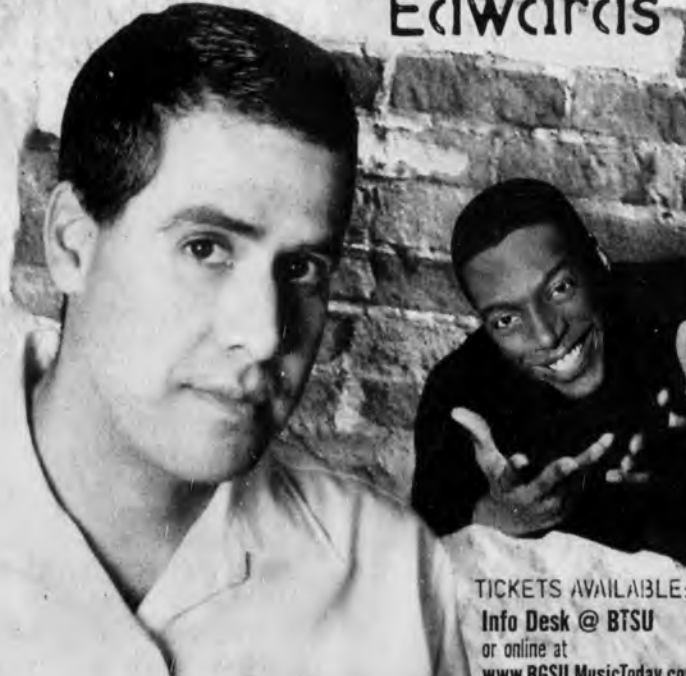
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"They would do well to spend less time on propaganda."

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(time.com)

STAFF EDITORIAL

Senator targets BG health insurance

Until recently, abortion was legal across the entire United States. But all of this changed when the South Dakota State Senate passed a bill in late February banning abortion, except when used to save the lives of pregnant women.

Ohio State Sen. Lynn Wachtmann (R-Napoleon), hopes his recent efforts will limit the availability of abortions in Ohio.

The University's recent compromise to offer optional abor-

YOU DECIDE

Do you think Wachtmann is justified in his claims? Send an E-mail to thenews@bgnews.com and tell us what you think, or post feedback on our Web site.

tion coverage in the mandatory student health insurance plan for \$60 spurred Wachtmann to take action over the past few weeks to wipe out all types of

abortion but those that would save a woman's life from state-sponsored health plans.

Wachtmann argues that state funds would be used one way or another to pay costs associated with a health insurance plan that includes abortions — even if they are optionally covered.

The student health plan for next year is still a contentious issue on campus, but for better or worse this compromise is the product of much hard work and debate at BGSU.

Although the issue of abortion on this campus is divisive, we believe this compromise — to a reasonable extent — can satisfy all parties involved in the debate.

But that compromise — and a woman's right to choose if she's on the student health plan — is now in danger because of Wachtmann.

We at The BG News believe GSS, USG, the administration, the Board of Trustees, students and other members of the University community should

do everything in their power to defend this compromise by standing up to Wachtmann's proposed legislation.

Women make up 55.1 percent of the undergraduate population here at BGSU, and it's the obligation of the administration to protect women's rights on this campus if the \$60 option is in danger.

The student health plan for next year was meant to look out for students' well being while at BGSU. But now women who need

to buy health coverage before enrolling will have to predict the unpredictable: do they go with an independent health provider who'll cover any unplanned abortions down the road, or do they roll the dice with a BGSU health plan that the state won't let have any abortion coverage.

Whether you're a man or a woman, you've got an opinion on this issue. Contact Randy Gardner, the state senator who represents Bowling Green, by calling (614) 466-8060.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Athletes' errors should not be disregarded

Life is about two big things, promises and choices. In life we make many promises, as students we make the implicit promise to our professors that we will study and complete assigned work on time.

We should make choices that reflect this promise, staying in to type a paper and reading assigned chapters.

We make promises to our friends and loved ones from small things like, taking notes in class when a friend is sick to bigger things like being emotionally

supportive of one another. Our choices must reflect these promises; lend a helping hand when a friend is down, or a helping piece of notepaper in class.

When we break these promises we invite consequences, a bad grade in the first case, a bad relationship in the second.

I see no difference in the case of Anthony Turner.

It is erroneous to discuss whether or not there was a victim in the issue. Turner did something that a.) is considered illegal in all 50 states and b.) violated his agreement with the athletic department. Turner violated the promise we as Americans imply as citizens, that we will obey the laws set forth by our government or take legal action to change them.

Secondly Turner violated the agreement that I'm sure he signed in order to receive any type of scholarship or playing time through the athletic department that he would neither indulge in the improper use of alcohol nor use controlled substances.

Whatever happens, to downplay his actions is irresponsible. Turner actively broke these promises and the action being taken in response is warranted. We all have the responsibility to respect the promises we make to ourselves and others, the consequences of breaking them is often greater than we imagine.

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Immigration bill might be feasible

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Over the past week there have been mass demonstrations in cities across the United States by Latin-American immigrants and their supporters to protest Congress' consideration of an immigration bill that would turn all illegal immigrants into felons and build more walls along the border.

The protestors have a valid point. Creating millions of felons out of the estimated 12 million undocumented migrants currently living in the United States would be a disaster. It would create a permanently undocumented underclass with an incentive to remain outside society, commit crimes and not assimilate. Additionally, it would burden the state with responsibility for incarcerating, at high cost, these newly minted felons every time they were apprehended.

There is also no denying the high demand for these workers in the business community. As Latino rapper Jorge Ruiz told demonstrators in Dallas, "We construct your schools. We cook your food. We are the motor of this nation." He is right.

Business leaders lobby to legalize these workers because our economy depends on their inexpensive labor. They work hard for low wages as they pur-

sue a better life than that available in their home countries.

However, the American dream has changed a great deal from the bare-boned, work-hard-and-succeed ideals of our grandparents. The welfare state and its attendant benefits for Americans in the bottom class profoundly alter the situation for people immigrating to the United States.

Illegal immigrants today impose serious cost and a serious burden on society. Employed illegally in bottom-tier jobs, few have health insurance, yet they all utilize American medical care in emergency situations.

In 2002, for example, 38 Arizona medical centers surveyed by the Arizona Hospital and Healthcare Association reported losses of \$153 million on non-paying foreign national patients. These costs are estimated to total more than \$3 billion nationally. That is an extraordinary expense to expect hospitals and border states to shoulder. It is also one of the most pressing reasons to reform American immigration policy.

These costs extend through the myriad other assistance programs offered in the United States. Illegal immigrants are often recipients of benefits from Medicaid, welfare or food assistance programs. The Center for Immigration Studies estimates that in 2004 illegal households paid approximately \$4,200 per year in all forms of federal taxes while imposing costs of \$6,950 annually.

While some of the anti-immigrant sentiment is mere xenophobia, this is a far too simplistic explanation.

The only policy that might improve things is supported by President Bush and sponsored by John McCain in the Senate, which would create an effective guest worker program seeking to legalize and regulate the activities of our 12 million undocumented workers.

In this system, we would be able to track workers and better regulate migrant laborers' activities when they come to the United States. It would give workers an incentive to follow American laws and provide them with legal ways of addressing problems they encounter. It would also force the businesses hiring these workers to shoulder the cost of their being in the United States rather than unloading that burden onto the government.

Migrant laborers will inevitably seek to enter the United States in large numbers until the economic gap with Mexico narrows. This will happen eventually as the Mexican economy improves, but we must develop a solution for the interim. Sen. McCain's bill is just such an answer.

Today's American dream may be different than that sought by our forbearers, but with the right regulatory system, it could remain available to the immigrants of today without bankrupting the nation that makes it possible.

PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Should the government grant financial aid to those convicted of drug offenses?



JESSICA HANCOCK
FRESHMAN, CRIMINAL JUSTICE
"Yeah, people make mistakes."



CHRIS DODD
FRESHMAN, EXERCISE SPECIALIST
"Yeah, I think they should — everyone screws up occasionally."



JOSIE MILLER
SOPHOMORE, MARKETING
"I think they should grant them money because people do make mistakes."



KRISTEN YATES
FRESHMAN, SOCIOLOGY
"On the first time, I would say no."

No financial aid if you break the law

Financial aid, the holy grail of college students, may soon be even harder to get.

The famous American Civil Liberties Union is in court now, assisted by the Students for Sensible Drug Policy in an attempt to allow students with drug convictions to get financial aid.

Sorry to all of you hard-working American teenagers who spent all your time in high school studying to maintain your 4.0 and working two jobs so you could get into college. You might have to share that government money with kids who hung out behind the buses smoking pot.

No, don't get upset. According to the ACLU the government can't punish these people for crimes they committed and served time for (or more likely paid a fine). That's in the same ranks as double jeopardy. After all, wouldn't you be angry if you made one little mistake and were punished the rest of your life for it?

Reality check: While not all students with drug convictions are the pot smokers we knew in high school, most of them didn't manage to get caught and convicted on their first time using drugs.

This means two things about many of them that should disqualify them for aid money anyway.

One, they caved in to peer pressure. Now I understand, peer pressure is a big driving force and it's really hard not to conform and it can be devastating and all that jazz. However, if a person cannot manage to look at their friends and say "No, that's not even legal," then what will they do living with 21,000 other students?

Second, they got caught. This means they lacked the intelligence to be discreet about their illegal activity. It also means it is most likely was not their first time doing it.

Every student on trial will try to convince a judge that it was their first time ever doing drugs and they're so sorry they made a mistake. Yeah, the mistake of getting caught.

This time the ACLU has taken their stance a little too far. The idea that I may get



AMANDA HOOVER
Asst. Opinion Editor

less financial aid because I have to share it with my classmate who has a drug problem incenses me to a degree of anger I can't even explain.

They are also making the argument that this law targets low income students and risks cutting them off from higher education. This is an argument that should gain no merit among the judges.

So what if the government won't pay for your education; get a job or get two jobs. You made the mistake and you should have to work to get the things you need. Not to mention that the law only applies to federal aid.

Apply for some scholarships, put in the effort and stop whining about "fairness."

More importantly, what is a low-income student doing spending money on drugs! If you're that poor (I really am this poor) you should be spending money on food. You lose the right to use your income status as a basis for discrimination the second you spend money on illegal substances.

Best-case scenario, you spend a little on some weed. Worst case, you're dropping hundreds of dollars you don't have on heroin.

Either way, you don't have money because you spent it all on drugs.

One of the last points I'd like to make is that no matter which way you look at it, drugs are illegal.

For all you out there hell bent on legalizing pot because it's a "victimless crime," save it, it's still illegal which still makes you a criminal. I can drive 90 mph on the expressway, be completely safe and never have an accident, but I am still breaking the law.

If you cannot respect the laws laid down by the federal government, you do not deserve to have your tuition paid by the government.

Send comments to Amanda at hoovama@bgsu.edu.

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State revises child abuse bill

Lawmakers change time period in which abuse can be reported

By Julie Carr Smyth
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBUS — State lawmakers dropped a proposal yesterday to allow victims of sexual abuse by clergy to file lawsuits in cases up to 35 years old.

Victims' advocates lambasted House Speaker Jon Husted for striking what they see as the bill's most important provision, which would have allowed a one-year window for victims who missed the lawsuit deadline to sue for alleged abuse.

Husted said leaders were unable to reach a compromise that suits church officials and an outspoken victims' support network, whose members descended on the Statehouse the past two days bearing laminated photos of themselves at the ages they were abused.

The change was among bill revisions approved yesterday by the House Judiciary Committee and headed for expected passage in a vote of the full House on Wednesday. Senate President Bill Harris said the Senate would likely agree with the changes.

The revised bill also would



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ADVOCATE: Former pro football player and abuse victim Roy Simmons says at a news conference that he supports the proposed bill.

shorten the period for future victims to sue over childhood sexual abuse from 20 to 12 years after turning 18, but it would give new authority to the state attorney general or county prosecutor in expired cases to file civil action alleging abuse. Victims could use the suits to get an abuser classified for a registry listing and then collect attorneys' fees, but could not reap additional damages.

Penalties for failing to report abuse also would increase, and the bill would require known abusers to register their name, address and photo in a government-distributed database.

But the committee has been primarily concerned with holding accountable clergy members, particularly Roman Catholic priests, who abused children under their care. Committee hearings sometimes stretching well beyond eight hours have been packed to overflowing with victims, their families and supporters.

Ohio senator changes tune on ambassador

By David Hammer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The Republican senator who shocked the White House last year by opposing President Bush's choice for U.N. ambassador now says John Bolton "is a changed man."

Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio previously called Bolton a bully who would make critical U.N. reforms more difficult to achieve. He said yesterday that he has been watching Bolton closely since he became an ambassador Aug. 1, speaking with him several times a month and encouraging him to be more diplomatic.

"John Bolton at this point is a changed man," Voinovich said. "I want reform of the United Nations, so I've worked with John and stayed on top of John to make sure he takes this wonderful opportunity."

Bolton indicated he was glad

the appeared to be winning the senator over. "I appreciate his comments and I've enjoyed working with him and will keep working with him," Bolton said after leaving a Security Council meeting at U.N. headquarters.

Bolton was installed by Bush in an emergency appointment while Congress was in recess partly because Voinovich opposed his nomination last May.

Bolton's appointment expires next January. If Bush reappoints him, Voinovich said he "might not take the same position as last time," but still wants to observe Bolton's progress before making a final decision.

Voinovich still considers his stand against Bolton last year as "one of the finest moments in my career in the Senate," saying he sent an important message that promoting U.S. superiority in foreign relations would not stand.

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BRIEFING

Bush replaces top member of team

WASHINGTON (AP) — Struggling to revive his troubled presidency, President Bush replaced longtime chief of staff Andy Card with budget director Joshua Bolten yesterday and gave Bolten authority to make further changes in a White House staff that even Republicans have complained is tired, insular and lacking fresh ideas.

Appearing with Bush in the Oval Office, Bolten gave no hint about what, if any, shake-up he might order. But White House officials said no one should doubt his ability to replace Bush aides.

"He'll have all the authority he needs ... to make the decisions that he feels best, working with the president," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

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PICKING OUT A TUNE



PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT: Sophomore Geoff Diederich utilizes a practice room yesterday in the Moore Musical Arts Building to enhance his self-taught piano playing skills.

Elizabeth Squire BG News

Troubling tribunal

Trial plans for prisoner held at Guantanamo Bay raises controversy

By Gina Holland
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON—Supreme Court justices appeared troubled yesterday by President Bush's plans to hold war-crimes trials for foreigners held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

And several seemed outraged by the government's claim that a new law had stripped the high court of authority to hear a case brought by Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a Yemeni

who once worked as a driver for Osama bin Laden.

Hamdan has spent nearly four years in the U.S. prison at Guantanamo, and the Supreme Court has been asked to decide if he can be put on trial with fewer legal protections before a type of military tribunal last used in the World War II-era.

The appeal could set the stage for a landmark ruling, and the courtroom atmosphere was tense.

"The use of military commissions to try enemy combatants has been part and parcel of the war power for 200 years," Solicitor General Paul Clement said.

Two years ago the Supreme Court ruled that "a state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens."

Hamdan's lawyer, Neal Katyal, told justices that the Bush administration is seeking a "blank check" to do what it wants with foreigners held at Guantanamo Bay.

The U.S. prison has been a flash point for international criticism because hundreds of people suspected of ties to al-Qaida and the Taliban—including some teenagers—have been swept up by the U.S. military and secretly shipped there since 2002.

Comedy may ease prejudices

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"Stir-Friday Night!" will attempt to dispel stereotypes and bridge the various social, racial and inter-generational groups within the community... the BGSU campus has diversity, but this campus still need(s) to break the barrier of stereotypes within any group out of the norm," Khanhbaout said.

Shizuka Matsunaga, secretary of ACU, believes that true laughter is different from mocks or scorns and will help to rid offensive behaviors while at the same time uniting people. Matsunaga is convinced that through entertainment the ACU's goals of bringing these difficult issues to

light will be accomplished.

Furthering Matsunaga's beliefs in education through laughter, is one of the two advisors of the ACU Bai-Yin Chen.

Chen explains that "while prejudice, stereotypes and racism are serious issues, addressing these issues in the format of a comedy show may ease the audience's discomfort and allow them to open their minds to reflect on the issues of stereotyping against Asians, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders."

Marsh provided further examples of present day stereotyping including that all Asians are either violent, mathematically inclined, or submissive.

Further outlining addition-

al ACU goals, Marsh included the education of both campus members and surrounding citizens on the issues of racism and stereotyping within the Asian-American community.

"The Asian Community, in general, has a sense of collectiveness and group centeredness which is opposite to America's focus on the individual," Marsh said. "Thus, these cultures experience conflicts in interpretations which result in racism and stereotypes."

Editor's Note: The ACU is the lead sponsor of the comedy event "Stir-Friday Night!" this evening which is located in Olscamp room 101. This event is free and opens to the public from 7 - 9 p.m.

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What the athletes get from you

**Athletic budget consists of
65 percent student money**

By Matt Clark
IN FOCUS EDITOR

If you were a full time student this year, you paid \$507.50 to the department of intercollegiate athletics this year.

Surprised? The money, enough to buy a new laptop, supplied 65.5 percent of the money needed for about 430 student athletes to participate in 18 varsity sports,

including football, hockey, men's basketball and women's basketball, among others.

In total, \$8.5 million was collected from students as part of their general fee, which also includes another \$22.81 in stadium, ice arena and sports field charges.

Students completing a co-op at a business more than 50 miles away pay \$35.53 a semester. Part

time students are also charged, about \$25 a credit hour.

With ever-increasing tuition costs in the face of dwindling state and federal support for higher education, students with little interest in the sports are asking: What do I get out of this?

"My life would definitely be better if I didn't have to pay it," said business marketing senior Laura Cook. "But if I didn't pay is that a better solution?"

Students paying the fee are admitted to the home games of football, hockey, gymnastics, volleyball, and men's and women's

basketball and soccer — events the public are charged to attend.

"Literally millions of people are consumers of the NCAA Tournament and intercollegiate athletics," University President Sidney Ribeau said. "So it provides a venue for entertainment for our students."

Ticket sales bring in only \$1.04 million a year or 8 percent of the athletics department's \$13 million budget.

Going to games is one benefit, but according to University administrators and students, even those totally unaware of the

varsity teams' existence benefit from them.

"It contributes, in many ways that aren't real obvious, to the overall spirit of the campus and the sense of pride in the campus," he said.

The director of the department of intercollegiate athletics, Paul Krebs, recently announced a move to the University of New Mexico after seven years at the University.

According to his biography on the department's Web site, royalties from licensing have increased 200 percent in his seven years at the University. He said that as the

University advances, athletics contributes to that momentum.

"When I got here people didn't wear orange and brown," he said of the improvements in the University since Ribeau's arrival. "That is a tell tale sign that we are making Bowling Green the best it can be. [Intercollegiate athletics are] helping the university move forward and advance."

According to Athletics Communication Director J.D. Campbell, one reason for advancement is that without intercollegiate

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Foster fulfills dream of lifetime

**Hockey player goes
professional with
Toronto Maple Leafs**

By Jessica Ameling
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

His smile was worth 1,000 words.

It was a smile that came after BGSU sophomore Alex Foster accepted a two-year contract with the Toronto Maple Leafs to play on their farm team, the Toronto Marlies.

A smile that represented the culmination of a life-long dream. "He made that call and he just had this smile that I think is going to be on his face for the

next 10 years," said Foster's sister, Genevieve Foster.

Just four days after Foster played his last game for the BGSU hockey team on March 4, he accepted Toronto's offer to play professional hockey, foregoing two more years of eligibility at BG. After ending the season with a team-high 51 points (11 goals, 40 assists), the first Falcon to have a 50-plus season in seven years, Foster felt it was the right time to move to the next level.

"This is a kid's dream, just playing professional hockey," he said. "Everything kind of fell into

place this year and I feel like I made the right decision."

While many kids dream of playing a professional sport, not many have the kind of role models that Foster did. His dad, Dwight Foster, played in the NHL for ten years along with his uncle. His brother plays for the Air Force Academy.

"He gave me advice, but in the end he made sure he left the decision solely up to me," Foster said of his father.

Foster's classmate and line mate at BG, Jonathon

Matsumoto, said he knew there would be a void in the team next year after Foster finished second in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association in scoring with 38 points in 28 games, led the league with 28 assists, and was named to the CCHA's second team.

"Alex had a phenomenal year and with that comes interest from NHL teams," Matsumoto said. "It was pretty expected that Alex would not return for the following year."

Foster has played four games with the Marlies so far, scoring one goal. He's just starting to get

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How to put together a great intramural team

By Cassandra Shofar
REPORTER

With 14 different intramural sports — ranging from well known ones like tennis, volleyball or indoor soccer to odd-ball sports like inner tube water polo, broom ball and Wallyball — offered this spring, some students wonder how they can get in on the action next semester.

Robert Cramer, assistant director of Intramurals/Sports Clubs and Perry Field House Programs, said that the sooner teams get organized and enter their applications in, the better.

"As soon as entries are

accepted, it's best to get your entries in as soon as possible," Cramer said. "A lot of people do wait until last minute, which is unfortunate."

Each sport has different entry dates, which can be seen on the intramural Web site. Cramer said that the longer someone waits to get their entry in, the bigger risk they take at not getting their ideal time slot or in some cases getting shut out completely.

The number of teams in a league varies with each sport as

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Athletes work hard for many benefits

By Ryan Autullo
SPORTS EDITOR

So you think Division I athletes have it made?

Scholarships, trips to warm climate areas, free meals on the road, borderline celebrity status amongst their peers.

Student-athletes certainly don't live the lives of "normal" college students. In fact, it's often a much more demanding lifestyle than what other students of the University are accustomed to.

Between attending study sessions, missing classes for sporting events and waking up at absurd times for practices, student-athletes share many responsibilities that the average student doesn't have.

"Being an athlete is like a full-time job with study tables, film studies, meetings, travel and weight training," said Corey Partridge, a wide receiver on the BGSU football team.

Of the 400 or so athletes on campus, approximately 150 are on full-ride scholarships, including 85 on the football team. Athletes not receiving full funding generally are too busy to work a job, meaning it can be difficult on them financially.

Caroline Keating, a junior on the BGSU swim team, is a swim

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Athletic's benefits unseen

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athletics Bowling Green would have much less of a name: "What would it cost for BGSU to buy two hours of time this Sunday on ESPN?"

According to Krebs, the teams have been on national television 12 times in the past three years. They have also been ranked or praised in several publications, including Sports Illustrated and nearly every major newspaper.

The increased exposure can also lead to benefits for area families and business owners, as Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce executive director Elaine Skoog pointed out.

"You are bringing people to spend," she said. "They will use our shops, our restaurants; they will boost our economic situation."

Whenever the University benefits, she said, the community will as well. "We are part of each other. We are what we are because of each other."

And, of course, there are benefits for the approximately 430 student athletes themselves. By dividing the department's entire budget, one finds spending to be more than \$30,000 an athlete.

Thirty-five percent of the department's \$13 million budget goes towards scholarships providing some athletes their only way to finance a college education.

According to Ribeau, the athlete graduation rate far exceeds that of the average student. They also learn a host of other valu-

"Some of the largest donors to the University have been former athletes."

ELAINE SKOOG, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

able skills and values, including discipline, teamwork, cooperation and learning how to work to achieve a common goal.

Gymnastics co-captain and senior Jessica Bradley agreed, adding that she also gets to compete in a sport she loves, develops intense time management skills and builds strong bonds with her teammates.

According to Krebs, athletes also form strong bonds with the University.

"Some of the largest donors to the university have been former athletes," he said.

Those massive, multi-million dollar donations led to the construction of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union and the establishment of the Dallas/Hamilton Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership.

The athletics program also inspired donations necessary to make the Sebo Athletic Center a possibility. Ground broke on the new "front door" to Doyt Perry Stadium last semester.

The three-story, 42,500 square foot center will have modern sports medicine, rehabilitation and strength-training facilities and a balcony for viewing games. It will also have

coach offices, teaching spaces, other meeting rooms and a video editing room.

However, a 2001 study of 90,000 students and alumni nationwide published in the book "Game of Life" by William Bowen and James Shulman found that winning teams do not result in more donations to universities.

If that is the case, would the money be better spent in areas that have direct benefit to the majority of students?

The amount of general fee money being distributed to student organizations by the student budget committee is 13 times, \$7.9 million less than that spent on athletics.

Dance education majors Meghan Gillette and Jessica Priehs feel the money spent on the teams should be going to them, but with the spending at over \$30,000 an athlete they're wondering: Where's the better dance floors, costumes, lighting and other tools for their performances.

"A little bit of money to us is a lot," Priehs said. "We just get frustrated because there are things that we definitely need to have that we can't have."

Others, such as Nate Bishop and Natalie Maschari, feel the University should tell students more about the charge.

"My reaction is that I would want to know what it is used for," Maschari said. "As long as they are responsible I guess it's OK."

But cutting any sport can be disastrous for the University, leading to a host of articles, columns, letters to the editor and emotional criticisms and complaints from community members, alumni and athletes for years.

Such was the response when the University was forced to cut four sports in the spring of 2002 under financial pressure and Title IX, because of a rule requiring a certain ratio of male to female athletes.

Athletes in the program were forced to find new ways to fund their education or compete in the sport they love.

"There were some people that were tremendously affected by it," Krebs said. "Any major decision in the life of the university there is going to be emotions."



Jordan Flower BG News

DREAM COME TRUE: Alex Foster always dreamed of going professional. His wish came true this year with the Toronto Maple Leaves.

Life fosters success

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settled in and getting to know his teammates.

"It's been a transition, but so far so good," he said. "The most challenging thing has been leaving my friends and teammates in BG, especially the sophomores."

The transition was a little easier due to the fact that both his parents are Canadian and his grandparents live 45 minutes from Toronto. Also, the Canton, Mich. native has been living on his own since before college, as he played in the United States Hockey League in South Dakota and Illinois.

"Some people find it shocking that I've been out of the house, basically living on my own since I was 16, 17, but that's the normal thing in hockey," Foster said.

While his hockey genes probably played a role in getting him where he is today, BG coach Scott Paluch said it was also his work ethic and attitude.

"He's an energy guy who never stops working hard," Paluch said. "And he's also a player who pos-

sesses tremendous skills and I think that's what landed him on the path to pro hockey, the combination of the two."

Foster's sister Genevieve, a student at BG, agrees.

"I would describe Al as a person everyone loves to be around," she said. "He draws people in and everyone wants to be around him because of his positive energy and that carries over to hockey."

In his two years at BG, Foster accumulated a 3.72 GPA while majoring in business administration. He plans on continuing his education, probably by taking summer classes.

"I plan on finishing school, even if it takes me five years to finish two years of college," he said.

Another goal for his future is working his way "up the system" and playing in the NHL.

"I think he'll make it for sure," Paluch said. "I don't think there's any question he'll have his day in the National Hockey League. He has the complete package."

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Athletes mirror, encourage success



MATT CLARK
In Focus Editor

I rarely go to football games. There, I said it.

Despite my love of this University and the pride I take out of being a Falcon, I'm just not a fan of athletics.

And despite that, I do not have a problem paying the \$507.50 each year to fund the intercollegiate athletics program.

When the football team won its bowl games, I cheered, even though I knew nothing about it. When women's basketball played UCLA I watched it with friends, even though I couldn't name a player on either team.

When those teams accomplish such feats — those teams of Falcons just like me — I can't help it, I'm proud of them. It makes me feel good to know my fellow students have brought the eyes of the nation to this city in north-west Ohio.

In many ways it is a shame that the nation (or even the campus) barely bats an eye every time our forensics team proves it is the best in the nation or the BG

News wins its regional, national or international awards.

The money I spend on our athletics program, I feel, is put to good use. The benefits are not as clear as, say, the money I spend on tuition, but when they hit me they are powerful.

Of course, if there was a way to spend less than \$30,000 an athlete I would be all for it, but the money is not just spent on the athletes. Even though they benefit most directly, the money is spent on the University as a whole.

And an important part of my love for this school is because of that money I have spent. It reinforces my confidence in my ability to succeed here when those teams show the nation what we are made of.

It even gets me into home games for free.

I am a Falcon, and that is something I will never be afraid to say, because everywhere I look on this campus, especially on the fields of play, I see success.

Success that is reflection of my own, a reminder of my own, and an excellent reason to lend my support to those teams:

Roll along you BG warriors. Roll along.

House questions NCAA tax exemptions

New inquiry may signal beginning of change in athletics

By Matt Cunningham & Sarah Peeden
U-WIRE

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — A congressional committee is inquiring about the tax exempt status afforded to the NCAA.

The U.S. House of Representatives Ways and Means Committee examined the tax-exemption on revenue generated from collegiate athletic conferences, according to James Duderstadt, a member of the Commission on the Future of Higher Education, who said he was contacted by representatives of the congressional committee about the matter.

Duderstadt, also president emeritus of the University of Michigan, said he was asked to discuss the financial practices of collegiate athletics.

The Ways and Means Committee has been conducting general oversight, including numerous public hearings, in the tax exempt sector for the past 18 months, said an aid for the committee.

As of now, athletic conferences are not-for-profit, Duderstadt said, and these conferences are corporations.

"The NCAA will make a huge payoff for the Final Four this weekend, somewhere around \$800 million," Duderstadt said.

This also applies to the ACC, he said.

ACC Commissioner John Swofford's "mission is to negotiate the most lucrative contract so he can divide that money for the

colleges in the ACC," Duderstadt said. "If [the Ways and Means Committee] were to conclude that the ACC or Big Ten were more like a commercial entity, then they could tax them, which would be a huge hit."

Duderstadt said that tax exemption of collegiate athletic events has led to rising compensation for NCAA athletic staffs nationwide.

"There has been a very dramatic rise in compensation for not just coaches but athletic directors and assistant coaches too," Duderstadt said. "Should this be supported by the public?"

David Ridpath, director of the Drake Group, a faculty group interested in curbing the commercialization of college sports, said his group would see any government intervention as a good thing.

"There is a tipping point coming, whether it's economic or legislative ... but the NCAA cannot continue to function the way it does now," Ridpath said.

"The NCAA cannot continue to function the way it does now."

DAVID RIDPATH,
DRAKE GROUP
DIRECTOR

spokesman, the NCAA is involved in the inquiry because it is one of the bigger non-profit organizations.

"This is not an investigation," Barrett said. "That would imply that we broke the law."

However, Ridpath and Duderstadt both cite the growing interest in the issue of curbing tax exemption for collegiate events as evidence that the NCAA will be taxed in the near future.

"There's never been more groups like us out there trying to change college athletics," Ridpath said.

Athlete responsibilities are varied

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instructor during the summer in addition to participating in off-season practices and competitions. For many members of the swim team, which is mostly made up of athletes on partial scholarships, there isn't much time to generate income through a job. The NCAA recently changed its stance on precluding student athletes from working during the season, but only about 40 BGSU athletes have jobs during the school year, according to Sid Sink, assistant athletic director for compliance and certification at BGSU.

"There are people that take out loans and work a lot in the summer too, but if they love swimming they're willing to do it," Keating said.

Every freshman and transfer student athlete at the University are required to attend study tables for six hours a week during their first semester at BG and must get

a 3.0 GPA to be excused from the sessions for the next semester.

Academic guidelines are much more strict for an athlete compared to other students. Athletes must complete 40 percent of the requirements for their major before their fifth semester at the University and 60 percent before their seventh semester to retain eligibility with the NCAA. That makes it very difficult for an upperclassman to switch majors, while remaining eligible athletically.

"From an academic standpoint, the part that's most restricted for a student-athlete is the demands of classes and amounts of credits they must take," said Naomi Lee, assistant athletic director for student services at BGSU.

If an athlete fails a class or does not get the required grade for completion, they must retake the course in addition to the 12 credit hours they're already required to fulfill, according to Lee.

And finding time for studying and homework isn't always easy when you're practicing twice a day and competing on the weekend. During the season Keating wakes up at 5 a.m., goes to practice for two or three hours, attends class, practices for two more hours, then finally returns home where schoolwork is completed before she goes to sleep and begins the cycle all over again. It's a routine that doesn't change much during the off-season for Keating, as her and her teammates are not required, but highly recommended, to stay in Bowling Green to practice during the summer.

"I think being busy helps us have very good time management skills," she said.

Smaller-revenue sports teams like swimming, softball and golf often hold fund raising events to add to the allowance they receive from the University. BG's athletic budget is \$13 million annually, but most of that figure is allocated

to teams, like football and men's and women's basketball, that bring in the most money.

The football program, men's and women's basketball, volleyball, tennis and gymnastics do not give team members less than full-ride scholarships, while other teams have a mixture of full-ride and partial scholarships athletes.

For members of the football team, the obvious face of BGSU athletics, constant media exposure also means heightened scrutiny. Partridge said the team serves as ambassadors of the University on the road, especially when they're greeted by fans during stays at visiting cities.

"You really have to be careful with your choice in social activities," he said. "People may recognize you and most of the time the interaction is very innocent, however, sometimes people may try and challenge you because of who you are and you just have to be careful."

Finding teammates requires persistence

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well as the number of leagues in each sport, Cramer said, but usually students make it on a team, even though it may not be the original team they wanted.

Students, who either don't know anyone on a team or aren't able to make a team have the option of starting up their own team or getting on the Free Agent list online.

"You can put yourself on the Free Agent list, you can find out when the captain's meeting is ... then show up to it and the other option is to just meet more people," Cramer said concerning some of the options students have to get on a team.

He also suggested that students advertise on bulletin boards around campus, or even go door to door at their residences to find and meet people who may be interested.

However, going door to door doesn't always work, according to junior Jenny Weichel, who played on the softball team her freshman year and has been playing on the curling team for three years.

"In my experience it has been really hard to make up a team by asking around in the dorms, unless you have a lot of friends who are athletically inclined," Weichel said, adding that her best advice to students is to "look to the organizations they are involved in to make the team."

How many players needed for a team varies with each sport but once students get enough people, they have to enter their

"I will always entertain ideas of adding new sports. We do get requests to start up new sports, but those types of requests are rare compared to at other schools who only offer 11 or 12 sports."

ROBERT CRAMER, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INTRAMURALS/SPORTS CLUBS

application, Cramer said.

He also said students need to decide what time slot fits best with the majority of their teammates and the earlier they get this information in, the better.

"Hopefully you'll turn your entry in on time so that you can get your preferred time," he said, adding that this can prevent any schedule conflicts that may occur with some teammates.

Another essential key point is the captain's meeting, Cramer said.

"One person is designated as the captain, who gets the team together ... and that person turns in the entry," Cramer said.

He said it is very important for someone, preferable the captain, to attend the Captain's Meeting where all the information, policies and rules of the sport is discussed and the leagues are confirmed.

"That person is in charge and responsible to relay all that information to the team itself," Cramer said.

However some elements of certain sports may cause some restriction that students should be aware of, like sports offered as co-recreational only.

"Sometimes we offer sports as 'regular' sports and then we

offer them again as co-rec only, just for the sake of something different," Cramer said. "Co-rec teams tend to take it less seriously," Cramer said, adding that if co-rec is not someone's thing, they may have to just wait until the fall.

Cramer also said that some sports are offered co-rec and all girls or all boys in the same season, however, students like Weichel didn't have such luck.

"I haven't ever not gotten on a team, but I have had problems getting enough people for a team because of an equal guy-to-girl ratio requirement that wasn't met," Weichel said, adding that, in that case, her effort was unsuccessful.

Weichel believes the intramural process itself is pretty reasonable but if she could change one thing "it would be to make all the intramurals open to all-boy or all-girl teams as well as the co-ed teams."

As for the Free Agent list, one student who can vouch for it is freshman Audrey Hyder, who played on the co-ed recreational volleyball team last semester.

"It wasn't hard to get on a team," Hyder said. "I just put my name on the free agents list then contacted others that were on the list also. From there, we

formed a team, aptly named the 'Free Agents.'"

Hyder's advice to other students is to make sure they know exactly how many players they need, the deadline for signing up and any other rules that they may not have considered before.

"For example, I was on a co-ed volleyball team and we needed two people of each gender playing throughout the game," Hyder said. "We had six girls and two guys so we had to rely on the guys to be there every game and play the whole time."

Cramer thinks that the best way for students to avoid some of these problems is by simply getting everything in as soon as possible.

As for the University's intramural program as a whole, Cramer said it "rates very competitive with like schools."

He also said that the University's intramural program is pretty close to being "saturated" or in other words, as full as it can get but that he's always open to hearing new ideas for sports.

"I will always entertain ideas of adding new sports," Cramer said. "We do get requests to start up new sports but those types of requests are rare compared to at other schools who only offer 11 or 12 sports."

Cramer said that there are two main questions he considers before adding another sport.

"Is it going to be popular enough compared to the cost associated with it and if we have enough facility space for it?" he said.

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James not above law

AKRON (AP) — Cleveland Cavaliers star LeBron James' mother showed up 10 minutes late for a court hearing yesterday, irritating the judge in her case involving charges of drunken driving and other crimes.

"Your client is no different than anyone else," Akron Municipal Judge Lynne Callahan told Gloria James' lawyer, John Martin. James' trial is set for April 24.

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FOOTBALL

Former Falcons may have future in NFL

Sharon, Sanders and Pope are potential draft-day prospects

By John Turner
REPORTER

While Omar Jacobs is anxious to find out where he will land as the NFL draft nears, a few members of his supporting cast over the past few years hope they land anywhere at all.

Running back P.J. Pope and wide receivers Charles Sharon and Steve Sanders are all guys being looked at in this year's senior class of athletes. Although none of them may be selected come draft day, all of them will be competitive when it comes time for teams to fill out their rosters with unsigned free agents.

In four years playing football at BGSU, Sharon has left a crater-sized impact on the record books. He leaves BGSU as the all-time leader in receptions (232), receiving yards (3,450), receiving touchdowns (34), seasons with 1,000 or more receiving yards (two) and all-purpose yards (4,519). Despite the gaudy resume, Sharon has failed to catch the attention of many scouts in NFL workouts and combines.

"[Sharon] is a guy who is a better athlete than he tested out as," said former NFL scout and founder of GMJr.com, Russ

Lande. "He's a smooth, smooth guy with very good hands who makes great catches."

Whether those skills translate into being drafted during April's draft is uncertain, but they will most definitely prove useful in the free-agent market.

"He's also a pretty polished kid for a MAC receiver and a very good route runner," Lande said. "He's getting as much as he can out of his ability and



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ELUSIVE: Charles Sharon is a "smooth" prospect.

he could be able to fit in as a team's fourth or fifth receiver somewhere."

Another wide receiver graduating from BG this year in hopes of finding a home in the NFL is Steve Sanders. Under the shadow of Sharon, Sanders quietly finished seventh all-time in program history in receptions with 156 and receiving yards at 2,324. His 24 touchdown receptions is fourth all-time. But after less than impressive workouts, teams have looked past stats to a player that lacks the speed needed to play at the highest level.

"He's more a free agent than a drafting guy," Lande said. "He's didn't show me as much quickness-wise as Sharon."

At the running back position, BG will be losing one of the best they've ever had in P.J. Pope. Pope is the only player in BGSU history to rush for more than 3,000 yards in a career and accumulate more than 1,000 yards receiving as well. He also finished as the school's third all-time leading rusher with 3,116 yards.

Pope and other players from this year's class of seniors will be fighting for the right to play in the NFL through team try-outs, then battling for a spot on the roster through a series of cuts.

"[Pope] is another guy who's probably going to be a free-



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SHOWTIME: Steve Sanders has the size to play in the NFL, but scouts question whether he's fast enough to be drafted.

agent," Lande said. "I think teams like his competitiveness and the way he runs strong with the ball, so he can challenge for the last running back spot on a roster."

Every year around this time, schools from smaller conference have graduating seniors at these positions. In the more

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BIG NUMBERS

Charles Sharon, Steve Sanders and P.J. Pope put together tremendous stats at BGSU.

■ Charles Sharon

2005 Highlights: Second team All-MAC, fifth in MAC for receptions per game (6.73) and receiving yards (93.5). **Career:** Holds BGSU record with 48 consecutive games with a reception, all-time leader in receptions (232), receiving yards (3,450) and receiving touchdowns (34).

■ Steve Sanders

2005 Highlights: Second in MAC in scoring (8.2 ppg) and eighth in MAC in receiving yards (85.5). **Career:** Fourth in BGSU history with 24 touchdown receptions and seventh in receptions (156) and receiving yards (2,324).

■ P.J. Pope

2005 Highlights: Missed four games after injury at Wisconsin. Rushed for 436 yards and four touchdowns, along with 27 receptions for 173 yards. **Career:** Only player in school history to rush for more than 3,000 yards and 1,000 yards receiving. Third all-time in rushing yards (3,116).

TENNIS

White-hot tennis extends streak to 11

Strong singles and doubles play keeps BG atop the MAC

By Brooks Obermeyer
REPORTER

The BGSU tennis team remained red-hot over the weekend with a pair of home victories to begin Mid-American Conference play.

On Friday, the Falcons toppled Akron, 7-0. For the sixth straight match BG earned the doubles point by taking all three matches. At No. 3 doubles, Andrea Meister and Andrea Volle won their 10th match of the season together by defeating Akron's Jennifer Ales and Laura Hemlepp 8-3.

BG dominated singles play taking all six matches in straight sets. The closest set of the day came at No. 3 singles where BG's Heidi Romer edged past the Zips' Jenna Larson in the first set 7-5. Romer went on to win the second set 6-0 to seal the victory for the Falcons.

On Saturday, BG erased an early 1-0 deficit to defeat the

Buffalo Bulls 5-2 for their record 11th straight win. The Falcons (13-4, 2-0) were led by the Jakupcin sisters who were a combined 3-0 on the day.

Ashley and Kelsey Jakupcin were the lone victors for BG during doubles action. The duo extended their doubles record to 5-0, when they beat UB's Tina Jacob and Andrea Novaceanu 8-4.

Ashley won for the 10th time this year at No. 1 singles with a straight sets win over UB's Miglena Nenova. Kelsey improved her mark at No. 5 singles flight to a team best 14-2, with a 7-5, 6-2 decision over UB's Smaranda Stan.

The loss drops the Bulls (8-4, 0-2) two games behind the Falcons in the chase for the Mid-American Conference championship. The Bulls were chosen to finish third in the MAC behind Western Michigan and Miami-Ohio.

BG is tied atop the MAC standings with Western Michigan and Miami-Ohio who are all 2-0.



Jason Rentner BG News

ORDER ON COURT: BGSU's Heidi Romer is one of many reasons the Falcons are in an 11-game win streak.

Toledo boxer, Vargas, still fighting poverty

By John Seewer
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO — Devin Vargas jabbed at his trainer's mitt with his left hand, tucking his repaired right elbow into his body.

The popping from his glove echoed through the former fire station turned gym where sheets of plywood cover broken windows. Steps from the lone boxing ring, grade school boys rhythmically pounded away at punching bags and teenagers hopped over a metal grate to improve their footwork.

It's hardly the kind of place Vargas expected to be after making the U.S. Olympic boxing team two years ago as a heavyweight.

He was banking that boxing promoters would make him rich even though he left the 2004 Olympics without a medal. Instead, he's struggling to support a family, behind on his rent and driving a 1994 Oldsmobile he bought last year for \$300. He's still hoping to win a few more fights and get that elusive big contract.

"I didn't do it for the money, but I knew if I made the Olympic team I'd be set," he said. "I just assumed my whole team would make money."

That hasn't happened yet for Vargas, 24, or many of his old teammates.

"We came home and the phone calls stopped," he said.

Past heavyweights from Muhammad Ali to Ray Mercer turned their Olympic experiences into lucrative pro careers.

Six Olympians from the 2000 team signed long-term deals with promoter Lou DiBella. Heavyweight Michael Bennett, who like Vargas lost in the Olympic quarterfinals, got \$1.2 million after the games.

But that group of six has had only marginal success,

DEVIN VARGAS FILES

AGE: Born Dec. 25, 1981

PRO EXPERIENCE: 8-0 record with four knockouts. His second fight lasted just 10 seconds when he knocked out his opponent with one punch.

AMATEUR EXPERIENCE: He was the captain of the 2004 U.S. Olympic boxing team, advancing to the quarterfinals as a heavyweight. He also won a qualifying tournament in Mexico to make the Olympics and the bronze medal at the 2003 World Championships.

PERSONAL: His father is his trainer and manager while his older brother is a professional boxer. His mother is a boxing judge.

—The Associated Press

and no one has offered the 2004 team anywhere near that type of money.

"The class of 2000 just got lucky," said Tom Brown, who sets up matches for California-based Goossen Tutor Promotions. "It was almost like funny money."

What's hurt the recent group of Olympians, too, is a lack of exposure and success.

The 2004 team brought only two medals home from Athens, Greece, and the last heavyweight to win gold was Mercer in 1988.

Boxing also is no longer a premier event at the summer games and gets little television time. Pro fights are hardly the TV draw they once were, meaning less money is out there for the young Olympians.

"A lot of them came back thinking they were going to get rich and almost rightfully so from what they saw from class

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Duke lacrosse in hot water after rape allegations

By Aaron Beard
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke University's highly ranked lacrosse team will not play again this season until school administrators learn more about allegations that several team members raped an exotic dancer at an off-campus party, the school said yesterday.

President Richard Brodhead decided to suspend the team from play "until there is a clearer resolution of the legal situation involving team members," the university said.

A woman told police she and another dancer were hired to perform March 13 at a private party in

an off-campus home. The dancer, a student at North Carolina Central University, told police she was pulled into a bathroom, beaten, choked and raped by three men.

No one has been charged.

Armed with a judge's order, police took DNA samples with a cheek swab from 46 of the lacrosse team's 47 players last week. The 47th player, the only black member of the team, did not have to provide DNA because the dancer said her attackers were white.

"I needed to have the information about who will be charged," said District Attorney Mike Nifong said. "I feel pretty confident that a rape occurred."

Brodhead said team captains notified Athletic Director Joe Alleva yesterday that players wanted to stay off the field until the DNA results came back from a crime lab. In a statement, the captains predicted the DNA testing would clear the players of wrongdoing.

Brodhead said it was his decision to expand the suspension.

"In this painful period of uncertainty, it is clear to me, as it was to the players, that it would be inappropriate to resume the normal schedule of play," Brodhead said.

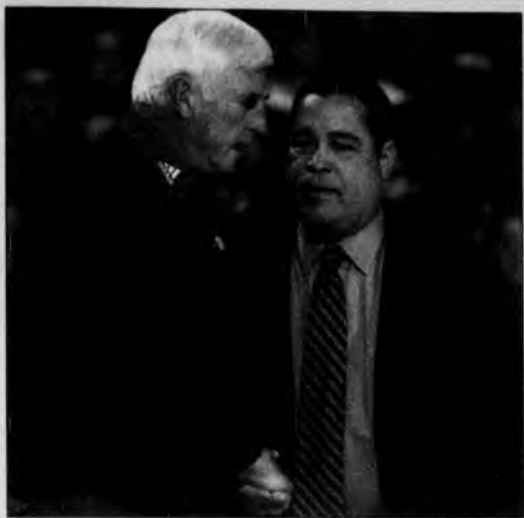
Nifong said the team members are standing together and refusing to talk with investigators, and he warned he may bring aiding-and-

abetting charges against some of the players.

The alleged victim is black, which has proved a source of tension on campus.

"The circumstances of the rape indicated a deep racial motivation for some of the things that were done," Nifong said. "It makes a crime that is by its nature one of the most offensive and invasive even more so."

The university's athletic director had already forced the team to miss two games because of underage drinking and the hiring of dancers at the party. Duke was considered a national title contender before the season began.



OLD COACH/NEW COACH: Former Indiana coach Bob Knight shakes hands with Kelvin Sampson, who was named IU coach yesterday.

Sampson announced as new Indiana coach

By Michael Marot
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana will hire Kelvin Sampson as its next basketball coach, taking him from an Oklahoma team under the cloud of a recruiting investigation to lead one of the most prestigious programs in the country.

Sampson broke the news to his Sooners team yesterday, the same day Indiana players were informed, one of the Hoosier players' relatives told The Associated Press.

Details were being worked out yesterday afternoon, and the deal was expected to be announced shortly, said a person close to the talks who requested anonymity because negotiations were ongoing. No news conference was scheduled.

"I was caught by surprise a little bit," said Taylor Griffin, a freshman forward for the Sooners. "He made the decision. I guess it's better for the program. I guess it's better for him."

The 50-year-old Sampson, AP's Coach of the Year in 1995, will replace Mike Davis, who announced last month he was resigning. Davis went 115-79 in six seasons as head coach, and he was the first Indiana coach to win 20 games in each of his first three seasons and led the Hoosiers to the national championship game in 2002, two seasons after Bob Knight was fired.

The Hoosiers were 19-12 this year and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament, where they lost to Gonzaga.

Stephanie Gilbert, who help raised nephew A.J. Ratliff in Indianapolis, said the Hoosiers' sophomore guard called her yesterday to discuss the change, first reported by ESPN. Gilbert also said it was likely Ratliff would stay at Indiana.

"He's looking forward to meeting him and getting to know him," Gilbert said. "He seems pretty happy."

Ratliff declined to comment and denied that a team meeting was held. Two other key Indiana players had said after Davis resigned that they were apt to transfer: D.J. White, the 2005 Big Ten freshman of the year, and Robert Vaden.

Gilbert said Sampson's hiring could change their minds. "Once they meet with him, they'll probably need to see," Gilbert said. "I think, from the looks of it, they have a pretty good coach on their hands."

Oklahoma officials declined to comment yesterday. Telephone messages left for Indiana Athletic Director Rick Greenspan and spokesman Pete Rhoda were not immediately returned.

Sampson leaves Oklahoma behind amid an investigation for possible recruiting violations. The NCAA is looking into more than 550 impermissible phone calls to recruits by Sampson and his assistant coaches, and Oklahoma officials are scheduled to appear before an NCAA panel in Utah on April 21.

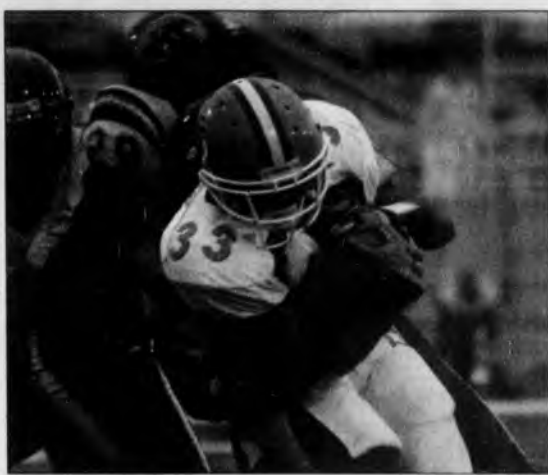
Falcons attempt to fend off stigma of small conference

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acclaimed conferences there wouldn't be any doubts about a team's all-time leading receiver or third all-time rusher, but that's what Mid-American Conference players are up against every year.

"I think what you find is that unless a player is dominant, like a Ben Roethlisberger, they will slide down a round or two in the draft," Lande said. "A guy like Sharon, he's not a dominant receiver, but if you put him in a position at a bigger school he'd be a draft pick."

So until the draft date comes, these players can do little more than keep their fingers crossed and their bags packed in hopes that their collegiate accomplishments don't go unnoticed and unrewarded by the NFL.



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GRASPING ON HOPE: Despite putting up gaudy stats during his career at BGSU, P.J. Pope isn't a lock to make an NFL team.

Family struggling to pay bills

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of 2000," Brown said. "They all kind of got smacked in the face."

Boxing promoters see potential in Vargas. He's still young and marketable. But Brown said Vargas needs to commit himself to the sport.

"He can't do this job part time," Brown said.

Vargas, who had surgery in February to take bone chips out of his elbow, resumed training in early March. Inside the gym where he works out, he's surrounded by friends and family.

On his first night back since the surgery, Vargas went through a light workout and then shouted out encouraging words to a buddy sparring with his brother Dallas, who also fights professionally.

Their father, Ray Vargas, watched from outside the ring.

And at Devin Vargas' side was his 3-year-old son, Bishop, wearing an American flag bandanna that his dad took to the Olympics. Inside a cramped workout room, Vargas lifted up Bishop by the waist so he could

do three chin-ups.

"He's my motivation," Vargas said. "I used to watch my dad work out. That's how we all started out boxing. I'd like him to be a boxer, too."

Vargas' father runs the Glass City Gym and trains young fighters there. Vargas trained there as a young amateur.

Vargas is 8-0 in his professional career with four knockouts. He hasn't fought since December because of the surgery, and his next fight isn't until May. That makes it tough for him and his girlfriend, Megan Hanna, to provide for their three sons, the youngest born in January.

Even when he fights, the pay out is just enough to pay rent and bills, Vargas said. There's little left over for dinners out and a night at the movies.

Their parents help pay for groceries, diapers and with baby-sitting. Still, they're a month behind on the rent.

"My landlord says don't worry about it," Vargas said. "If I wasn't in Toledo they wouldn't care who I am. I'd be evicted."

Being close to home helps

make ends meet, but he thinks it may be a detriment in his pursuit of a big contract.

"A lot of boxers live in California," he said. "There's no big promotional company here that knows me and knows how I fight."

Gil Yanez, who has trained Vargas since the boxer was a child, said it's a good thing Vargas keeps a positive outlook. "It's hard for him," Yanez said. "People think he's doing better than he is."

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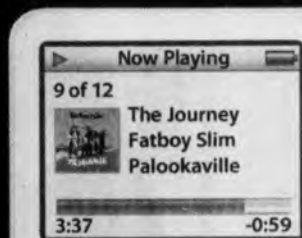
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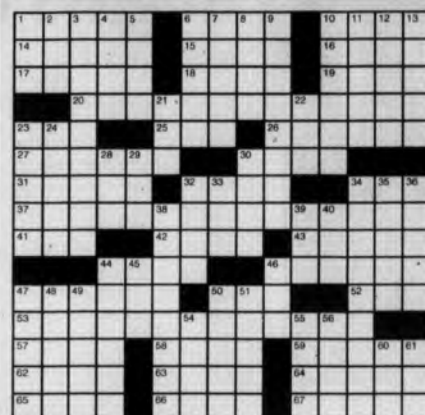
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